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SUBJECT:U.S. TARIFF OBJECTIVES IN HUNGARY

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1. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL A, MEETING WITH HUNGARIAN TRADE NEGOTIATOR, JANOS NYERGES, WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON ON JULY CONFIDENTIAL

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24 TO DISCUSS U.S. LIST OF INITIAL INDUSTRIAL TARIFF REQUESTS. AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING, WE ARE NOW SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING OUR TARIFF REQUESTS OF GOH.

2. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE CONTACTING PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISORS WITH A REQUEST FOR REFINEMENT OF, AND ADDITIONS TO, OUR INITIAL TARIFF REQUEST LIST. AT THE SAME TIME, WE

OULD APPRECIATE POST'S SOLICITATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN BUDAPEST.

3. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL A, HUNGARY WOULD CONSIDER THE MAINTENANCE OF PORTIONS OF THEIR CONDITIONED OFFER IF THE UNITED STATES COULD IDENTIFY PARTICULAR PRODUCTS OF CURRENT OR POTENTIAL MAJOR TRADE INTEREST. THEREFORE REQUEST POST SEEK SPECIFICATION OF PRODUCTS WITHIN SIX-DIGIT TARIFF LINES ALREADY REQUESTED OF GOH WHICH ARE NOW SUPPLIED PRINCIPALLY BY THE UNITED STATES OR MAY BE IN FUTURE GIVEN

OUR NEWLY-ACQUIRED MFN STATUS. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY, POST MIGHT ALSO SEEK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS TO BE REQUESTED, ALONG WITH ALL RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION AVAILABLE. RECOMMENDATIONS BY EMBASSY ON TARIFF LINES INCLUDED REFTEL B WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ON A BROAD FOUR-DIGIT BASIS AND WERE INDICATED AS COMPRISING ONLY A "PARTIAL LIST". THEREFORE, SEEK POST'S ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON A SIX-DIGIT BASIS, OR EX-OUTS OF TARIFF LINES IN ORDER TO AVOID THE CONDITIONALITY PROBLEM. (REFTEL A).

4. IN ORDER THAT WASHINGTON MAY COMPLETE ITS REVIEW OF U.S. REQUEST LIST BEFORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH GOH IN EARLY

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SEPTEMBER, WOULD APPRECIATE REQUESTED INFO BY AUGUST 21. VANCE

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